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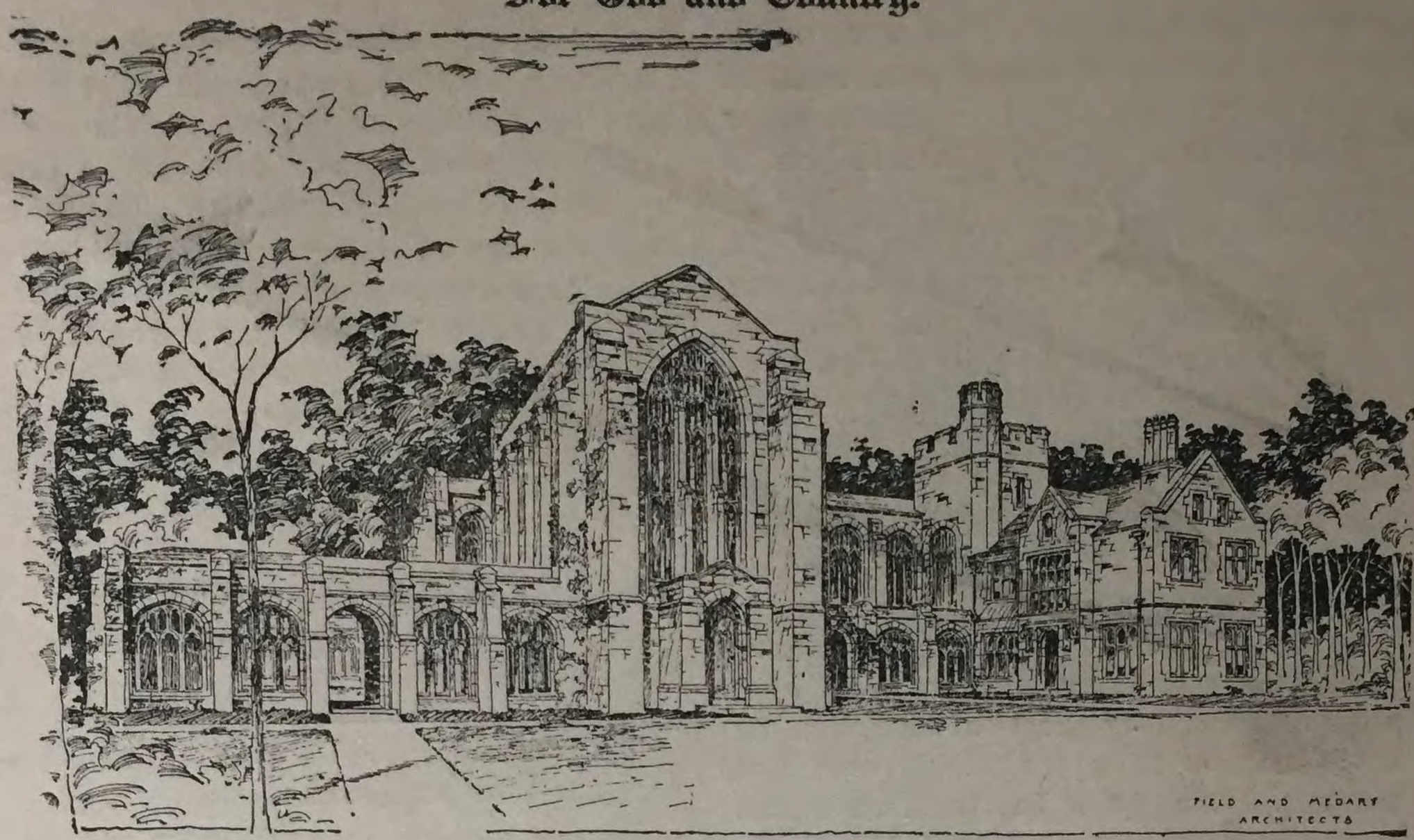

Cloister of the Colonies. Washington Memorial Chapel. Patriots' Hall. Tower and Library

"No spot on earth—not the plains of Marathon, nor the passes of Sempach, nor the place of the Bastile, nor the dykes of Holland, nor the moors of England—is so sacred in the history of the struggle for human liberty as Valley Forge."

—CYRUS TOWNSEND BRADY.

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The Chronicle.

Shall It Die or Live?

The Washington Chapel Chronicle has been one of the greatest factors in the development of the Washington Memorial at Valley Forge. It has recorded the progress of this intensely interesting work since the fifteenth of April, 1908. Step by step that work has gone forward, and the Chronicle has been the historian to preserve for future years the record of achievement.

To its role of historian the Chronicle has added that of prophet. It has foretold the future. It has prophesied with absolute faith what seemed to the readers at the time but the uncontrolled flights of fancy. Its prophesies have come true in stone and bronze, in carved wood and painted glass.

Of course our readers know why these pages have been both history and prophecy. Back of the editor and printer there has been the spirit of the dreamer who saw the great Washington Memorial where others saw only a neglected woodland. We have printed the dreams and wished they would come true, but only the

Dreamer was confident. We were under the spell of that confidence at times, but the moment we stopped to calculate we lost the sense of reality. Doubts quickly followed the dreams.

The wonderful thing is the way in which the dreams have come true. For remember, the Cloister of the Colonies was only a dream. So were the Pews of the Patriots. So was the Valley Forge Museum of American History. So was the Washington Memorial Library. So was the Endowment Fund. So was the Washington Memorial Cemetery. So was the Defenders' Gate.

As each dream has come true more have been willing to follow the dreamer, who, after all, is a very practical man, dealing with matters in a thoroughly practical manner. Mr. Burk has inspired others with his faith, and the Guild has gladly given space to his dreams, the dreams which have been prophecy and which are now history or enduring facts.

Perhaps it was this spirit which has made our paper different from most others. Indeed we do not know of any that is just like it. We have prided ourselves on this and we are sure our readers have appreciated it.

The "Washington Chapel Chronicle" grew out of a suggestion of Mrs. Charles Wells Walker, the President of the Washington Chapel Guild. The paper has been published by the Guild, which, with the Woman's Auxiliary to the Convocation of Norristown, has borne the brunt of the financial burden. The increasing demands of the Parish upon the Guild treasury, and the failure of many subscribers to continue their supoprt, have combined to operate against the continuance of the "Chronicle."

Must the "Chronicle" die?

It has done a great work. The George C. Thomas Orderly Book as printed in these pages has been worth far more than the small subscription. To most of our readers it has been a revelation. The Woodman Letters, buried in the files of the Norristown Herald of sixty years ago, are being read with the deepest interest today. In addition to this our columns have been given very largely to the publication of such items of history as relate to Valley Forge, and in all this work we have had the advantage of the historic knowledge and research of the Rev. Mr. Burk. He has given us only a fraction of the information which he can furnish.

Can we let the "Chronicle" die?

We want to leave that question with our readers. The fifth volume will end with the March number.

Shall we let the "Chronicle" die?

Shall we make the "Chronicle" live?

The Convocation of Norristown.

The Convocation of Norristown met in All Saints' Church, Norristown, on the fourth of February. Bishop Garland presided at the meetings and celebrated the Holy Communion. The Rev. William T. Capers preached an excellent sermon. The Bishop was assisted in the service by the Rev. W. Herbert Burk, Dean of the Convocation; the Rev. George W. Barnes, the Secretary; and the Rev. Edward R. Noble, rector of the parish.

The Woman's Auxiliary to the Convocation met after the service, Miss Mary M. Hibbs presiding, and was addressed by the Bishop and the Dean. The Auxiliary appropriated $25 for the mission work at Lansdale.

The Convocation was delightfully entertained by the members of All Saints' Church, whose beautiful buildings and complete equipment were greatly admired by the delegates.

Bishop Garland announced the new arrangement of diocesan duties, by which the Convocation of Norristown had been placed under his care by Bishop Rhinelander. The Bishop gave new hope to the Convocation by the promise to take up the long delayed mission work in the Perkiomen valley. The Dean told of his visits to this field and declared that work there

would be slow and its results would be seen not in the field but in the city.

After the reports of the missionaries were heard the Bishop made a strong appeal for money for the completion of the Washington Memorial Chapel, and asked that an offering be made on the Sunday after Washington's birthday.

The next meeting of the Convocation will be at Lansdale.

(From "The Church News of the Diocese of Pennsylvania.")

A Letter from Bishop Rhinelander and Bishop Garland.

All friends of the Washington Memorial Chapel will rejoice in the strong appeal for the Chapel which has been made by the Bishops of the Diocese of Pennsylvania to the Rectors of Parishes. This ought to be a great help toward the completion of the Chapel, which has never had such support as is shown by the Bishops' letter. We are glad to print this in full.

Philadelphia, February 11, 1913.

Rev. and Dear Brother:

We request in every church and mission in the Diocese an offering shall be taken on February 22d (the day following Washington's Birthday) for the building fund of the Washington Memorial Chapel at Valley Forge.

This Chapel is a center for missionary work; during the past nine years 67 have been baptized, 72 confirmed, and there are now 88 communicants, with a total membership of 91 children in the two Sunday schools. Special services are held throughout the year for schools, colleges and patriotic societies, and over 28,000 persons visited the Chapel in the past twelve months.

Though over $20,000 (given by patriotic sicieties and individuals) has been spent for memorials, but $18,000 has been spent for the grounds and the portion of the walls already erected. A generous layman has offered to build the chancel provided the money for the completion of the Chapel can be secured before June 26, 1913. This will require about $30,000, and we urge you to ask your people to give generously for this worthy memorial to the Father of our Country and a member of our own Church.

This object should appeal to all churchmen and patriots; the present condition of the Chapel does not worthily represent our love for the Church or our devotion to the memory of our first President. There is little difficulty in getting from the patriotic societies of our country all the national memorials needed for the surroundings of the Chapel and even for its adornment, and we feel confident that we will not appeal in vain to churchmen to build the House of God.

If you have announced an offering for February 23d and cannot change it, will you please read this appeal to your congregation or make a personal announcement of its contents and give your people an opportunity to make an offering in envelopes specially marked for this purpose.

Very faithfully yours,

PHILIP M. RHINELANDER,
Bishop of Pennsylvania.

THOMAS J. GARLAND,
Bishop Suffragan of Pennsylvania.

Envelopes for this purpose will be sent on application to The Church House.

Please send offerings to the Bishop Suffragan.

Miss Emma O. Crawford, who has been the editor of the "Chronicle" since it was founded, has presented her resignation to the Guild. In accepting the resignation the Guild appreciates the fact that Miss Crawford's approaching marriage made this a necessary action on her part. For the present she will continue her work for the "Chronicle." The friends of the "Chronicle" will unite in wishing all happiness to Miss Crawford in her new life.

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Sundays.

10.45 A. M. Service and Sermon.
2.30 P. M. Sunday School and Bible Classes.
3.45 P. M. Service and Sermon.
Holy Communion, First Sunday.
The Parish House, King-of-Prussia:
9 A. M. Sunday School and Bible Classes.
7.30 P. M. Service and Sermon.
Saints' Days, 9.30 A. M. Holy Communion.

Calendar.

FEBRUARY.

15. Ember Day.
16. Second Sunday in Lent.
19. 3.30 p. m. Service and Sermon.
7.30 p. m. Service and Sermon, King-of-Prussia.
22. Washington's Birthday.
11.30 a. m. Service and Address—Special Service for the Boy Scouts of America.
2.30 p. m. Dedication of the Brigadier Generals' Screen by the Rt. Rev. Thomas J. Garland, D. D.
23. Third Sunday in Lent.
24. St. Matthias's Day.
27. 3.30 p. m. Service and Sermon.
7.30 p. m. Service and Sermon, King-of-Prussia.

MARCH.

2. Fourth Sunday in Lent.
3. 8 p. m. Meeting of the Vestry.
2.30 p. m. Meeting of the Washington Chapel Guild.
5. 3.30 p. m. Service and Sermon.
7. 7.30 p. m. Service and Sermon, King-of-Prussia.
9. Fifth Sunday in Lent.
12. 3.30 p. m. Service and Sermon.
14. 7.30 p. m. Service and Sermon, King-of-Prussia.

The Endowment Fund.

The plans for the Washington Memorial as conceived by the Rev. Mr. Burk included a perpetual endowment of the work. It was this feature of the Valley Forge work that led one of our greatest financiers to declare that Mr. Burk's ideas along this line were among the best pieces of financiering he knew.

Mrs. Sarah Swift Zulich has been for years the treasurer of the Washington Memorial Chapel Endowment Fund, and later, when the Endowment Fund of the Valley Forge Museum of American History and the Washington Memorial Library were begun, the Rev. W. Herbert Burk was made the treasurer of these funds.

Mr. Burk's idea was to place the principal of all these funds in the hands of a trust company, so that only the income would be within the absolute control of

the vestry. This idea has been at last carried out, and the following agreement, drawn up by Muscoe M. Gibson, Esquire, has been entered into by the Vestry with the Penn Trust Company of Norristown:

This agreement made this twelfth day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and twelve (1912). Between Penn Trust Company, a corporation of the State of Pennsylvania, located at Norristown, Montgomery County, and the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of the Washington Memorial Chapel at Valley Forge, Pennsylvania, a corporation of the State of Pennsylvania, located at Valley Forge, Montgomery County;

Witnesseth:

Whereas the said Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of the Washington Memorial Chapel at Valley Forge, Pennsylvania, has resolved to accumulate gradually a perpetual trust fund of at least ten thousand dollars ($10,000.00), known as the endowment fund of the Washington Memorial Chapel at Valley Forge, and to deposit the same from time to time in small amounts in the Penn Trust Company.

Now this indenture witnesseth that in consideration of the premises, said Trust Company, for itself and its successors, hereby agrees to and with the said Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of the Washington Memorial Chapel at Valley Forge, their successors and assigns, as follows, to wit:

1. To receive from time to time deposits toward the accumulation of said fund, to be deposited to the credit of said endowment fund of the Washington Memorial Chapel, and to pay the interest on said deposits at the rate of three per cent. per annum to the Treasurer of the Washington Memorial Chapel, to be used by the Vestry for the general purposes of the corporation.

2. When such deposits amount to the sum of five hundred dollars ($500.00) to invest the same in mortgages upon real estate in the County of Montgomery, Pennsylvania, in the name of Penn Trust Company, Trustee of the Endowment Fund of the Washington Memorial Chapel, such mortgages to be approved by the Vestry of said chapel and to hold the same and to collect the income or interest thereof and to pay said interest, less a commission of five per cent. for collection, to the treasurer of the Washington Memorial Chapel for the purposes aforesaid.

3. To continue to comply with the provisions set forth in paragraphs one and two, until the said Endowment Fund has reached the said sum of ten thousand dollars ($10,000.00) or any additional amount which may be deposited in said fund, and thereafter to hold such accumulated Endowment Fund, perpetually, investing and re-investing the same in mortgages and collecting and paying over the interest and income thereof as aforesaid, less a commission of five per cent. for collection.

Said Washington Memorial Chapel, for itself and its successors, in consideration of the premises, hereby agrees to and with the said Penn Trust Company, as follows:

1. To make said Trust Company its depository for said Endowment Fund of the Washington Memorial Chapel.

2. To deposit with the said Trust Company, from time to time, accumulations for said Endowment Fund until such deposits amount to the sum of five hundred dollars ($500.00), when the sum shall be invested in mortgages as above stipulated.

3. To allow said Trust Company to retain out of the interest or income collected on investments, a commission of five per cent. for collection. It also agrees to continue to comply with the provisions set forth in paragraphs one and two until the said Endowment Fund has reached the sum of ten thousand dollars ($10,000.00). It is also agreed that the receipt of the treasurer of the Washington Memorial Chapel shall be sufficient discharge of said Trust Company for the

payments of interest made by it to him. It is also agreed that upon the forfeiture of the Charter of this corporation, or its legal dissolution, the provision for the perpetuity of said Endowment Fund shall become void and said Endowment Fund shall be subject to the same disposition and control as the other assets of the said corporation, subject to the terms affixed to any portion thereof by the deed, gift or bequest whereby said portion of said fund was created.

The said Penn Trust Company and the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of the Washington Memorial Chapel at Valley Forge, Pennsylvania, do hereby constitute and appoint Frank Quigg to be their attorney for them, and in their name, and as and for their corporate act and deed to acknowledge this agreement before any person having authority by the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to take such acknowledgment, to the intent that the same might be recorded as such.

In witness whereof the said Penn Trust Company and the said Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of the Washington Memorial Chapel at Valley Forge, Pennsylvania, have hereunto caused their respective corporate seals to be affixed and to be duly attested by the proper officers of their respective corporations in attestation of the due execution hereof the day and year aforesaid.

Penn Trust Company
By
C. N. ALDERFER, President.

Attest:
H. M. CASSELL, Assistant Secretary.
FRANK QUIGG, Attorney-in-fact.

Signed, sealed and delivered
in the presence of us.
Muscoe M. Gibson.
Anna M. Walter.

The Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of the Washington Memorial Chapel, at Valley Forge, Pennsylvania,
By
W. HERBERT BURK, Rector.

Attest:
S. COL. SUMMERILL, Secretary.
FRANK QUIGG, Attorney-in-fact.

State of Pennsylvania, County of Montgomery, ss:

On the sixth day of February, A. D. 1913, before me a Notary Public, residing in Norristown, in and for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, personally appeared Frank Quigg, the attorney above-named, and by virtue and in pursuance of the authority therein conferred upon him, acknowledged the foregoing agreement to be the act of the said Penn Trust Company and of the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of the Washington Memorial Chapel at Valley Forge, Pennsylvania.

Witness my hand and notarial seal the day and year aforesaid.

MUSCOE M. GIBSON,
Notary Public.

My commission expires January 21, 1915.

The other agreements are exactly like this, only with the words "the Endowment Fund of the Washington Memorial Library of the Washington Memorial Chapel" and "the Endowment Fund of the Valley Forge Museum of American History of the Washington Memorial Chapel" are substituted. The specific purposes of the funds are stated to be for "the maintenance of the said Washington Memorial Library" and for "the maintenance and support of the said Valley Forge Museum of American History."

Valley Forge in 1844.

Every thing that relates to Valley Forge finds a fitting place in the Valley Forge Museum of American History. Our collection of relics and documents is constantly growing, and will steadily increase until the last relic of the Revolution has passed from private ownership into the great museums. The rarest things are pictures of the encampment as it was before the Valley Forge Park Commission began its work of restoration and improvement. The Centennial of the Evacua-

tion of Valley Forge called the attention of the American people to this sacred site, and since that date the place has often been pictured.

The Museum now owns the largest collection of Valley Forge pictures antedating the Centennial celebration. In 1844 A. Kollner visited this place and made water color sketches of the Headquarters and scenes in the neighborhood. These sketches came into the possession of a prominent Philadelphia lawyer, who presented the set to the Museum. This friend of the Museum does not claim the pictures are of high artistic value. But their historic value is unqeustioned.

It is remarkable that Kollner should have taken the trouble to portray the neighborhood as it then was. But all students of American history will be grateful to him for those pictures, which must represent what Valley Forge was when Washington came here, for the changes in the sixty-six years following the Evacuation can not have been as great as those which have been made since the Centennial.

There are five pictures in the series, one twenty inches by fourteen and seven-eighths inches; two twenty inches by sixteen; and two fourteen and one-half by eleven inches. The larger pictures include one of the Headquarters, another entitled "East View of Valley Forge Hills, Pa., in 1844," and another called "Schuylkill River at Valley Forge, Pa., in 1844." The smaller pictures are "Hills South of Valley Forge, Pa.,, and "Hills East of Valley Forge, Pa."

History of Valley Forge.

BY HENRY WOODMAN.

Norristown Herald and Free Press, Aug. 28, 1850.

LETTER XVI—[Continued]

While the army remained here, a duel took place between Lieutenant Green, from New England, and an officer from the South, whose rank and name I have forgotten. What it was that led to this rash and foolish act, I have never understood. The place of meeting was about a quarter of a mile northeast of where the gallows stood, on land then belonging to John Moore. In the engagement Green was wounded, and died soon afte', and was buried at Friends burial ground, at the Valley Meeting house, with the honors of war (so called). My aunt, the venerable Elizabeth Rees, the person just noted, now in the 82d year of her age, says she well remembers seeing the procession passing through the orchard, a little north of the house, with muffled drums, and moving slowly to the tune of the dead march. A blanket had been procured in the neighborhood, in which his remains were wrapped, and thus consigned to the grave. I have heard my grandmother say that after his death, request was made of her for a sheet to bury him in, but such were the stript condition, that she could not comply with their request. They then called upon a woman named Mary Pugh, from whom they obtained the blanket. Twenty-eight years after, in digging a grave at the place, his bones were disinterred. The blanket in which they had been interred, when discovered, appeared in a state of preservation, but on coming to the air it fell to ashes. I saw the bones soon after they were discovered, and well remember the soundness of the teeth; the blanket I did not see, but I was informed of the circumstances, and whose bones they were, by Isaac Walker, a man of unblemished character and reputation, who had charge of the graveyard at the time, and who resided near the place at the time of the interment, and who was always renowned for correct observations and retentive memory.

I shall now make some addition to the former acounts, the information having been recently obtained, and which would more propertly belong to my eighth and eleventh letters. In my eighth I mentioned never having met with any account of General Wheedon in my accounts of the

Revolutionary war, or American biography. A few days since, I found in the Pineville library a work entitled "Washington and the Generals of the Revolution," in which there is a short notice of him—the whole is contained in about twenty lines duodecimo pages, and taken from the notes of an English traveler, marked about the commencement of the Revolution; who speaks of having lodged at this tavern. The account given concerning him there, I do not think fully correct. He calls him George Wheedon. His name, I always understood, was Joseph Wheedon, and the cause of his resigning his office and returning home, is differently stated from what I always heard it stated from correct information.

In my eleventh letter, some mention was made of officers being quartered at the houses of Samuel Jones and Samuel Richards, but could give no positive information concerning them. In the library at Pineville, I also met with a history of the War of Independence, in which is an engraved map of the encampment at Valley Forge. The outlines of the encampment, the fortifications and breast works, the courses of the river and stream, and many things are correctly laid down; but the plan of the arangement of the different positions, and the quarters of officers, are not at all as I have heard them represented by persons who had every means in their power to obtain correct information at the time, and the most of them from actual knowledge. In that map, Generals Woodfield, Scott, Cleaver, Serner and Patterson, are represented as stationed on the point line. I never heard of the three last being quartered, or the brigades under their command stationed anywhere in the neighborhood, but still they might have been. The first two I now remember, upon seeing their positions laid down upon the map, to have heard that these were the officers that were quartered at the houses of Samuel Jones and Samuel Richards, Woodford at the latter, and Scott at the former place, which is now occupied as a hotel, known by the name of Kendall's tavern, on the State Road, leading from New Hope, through Doylestown, Norristown and West Chester to the Maryland line, about six miles from Norristown, and between two and three miles from Valley Forge. I now have a perfect recollection of the two last mentioned officers being quartered at these places; the relation having been given me by the daughter of the said Samuel Richards, the late Elizabeth Walker, who died about sixteen months ago, in the 84th year of her age.

In my next I shall give you an account of some persons who were here during the time of the campaign, who have since filled many very important and conspicuous stations in the history of our country, and discharged important trusts and filled high offices in government, and some other matters that may be of interest to, at least, some of my readers.

The Patriots' Hall:

The Founders and the States They Represent.

Since the first of the year the following have been enrolled in the Book of the Founders as State Representatives. This Honor Roll ought to be many times as large.

Connecticut Representatives.

Laura B. Woodford	$1 00
Elizabeth Talmage White	1 00
Mary C. Yale	1 00
Emma J. Whipple	1 00
Mrs. William W. Wilson	1 00
Mrs. George Clinton Fairchild Williams	1 00
Mrs. William W. Wilcox, Sr.	1 00

Delaware Representatives.

Mary Holcomb Wilson	$1 00

Vermont Representatives.

Thetis Bishop Putnam	1 00

South Carolina Representatives.

Mrs. H. H. Wyman	$1 00
	$10 00